

PAC – PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 6:30 pm

Location: General Wolfe Elementary school library

PAC MEMBERS (in order of sign-in sheet) : Hafeez Jiwa, Libby Taylor, Cameron McLean, Julie Nichols, Francia Marbella, Lynn Gosseli, Patrick Gosseli, Kristin Rotte

PAC Executive:

- Michael Nedelec, Chair
- Hope Walker, Vice Chair
- Jaimini Thakore, Treasurer
- Donna Rayner, Secretary

Administration:

Susan Nichols, Principal

Jill Beeman and Ashlie Arbour Polley, teachers

These minutes are reflected in the order of what was discussed.

Welcome and Call to Order - Michael Nedelec

Approval of September 11, 2018 minutes

Moved L. Taylor	Seconded J. Nichols	Carried
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Administration Report - Susan Nichols, Principal of General Wolfe Elementary

School is well underway, and a big thank you to the PAC for all that has happened in the last month-Kristin Rotte for the Fresh Fruit and Veggie program, and Kate Saunders for the Halloween Dance organization. Last but not least thank you to Jenny Evans and her team for another wonderful Walkathon. She managed to organize perfect weather again!

The big news this month is that the seismic project has finally been officially announced, and planning is now openly underway. Many thanks to Michael for signing on as the official representative on the project team. The staff representatives are Shannon Soper, Wendy Cameron, Rosemary Carollo, and Herbert Zhang the building engineer. We had a presentation by the architects to staff on Monday, and there will be another on October 29th to parents. The basic overview is that the school will be essentially the same with each exterior wall 6" deeper. Window will stay as they now are, the wooden staircases will come down, and elevator will be

added, as will universal washrooms. As well, the fire alarm and sprinkler system will be upgraded. In the annex, most of the work will be to do with re-tying the roof to the frame of the building.

Our home during the renovation is the South hill site-it has readymade playgrounds, field areas on site for younger students and across a quiet street for older children, a full size gym and space for Sparetime. The principal who is currently there with Jamieson has been very helpful, and I am trying to arrange a time for a staff visit while Jamieson is still there as it will be helpful to see how the classes are set up, but am also trying to be respectful of the staff's time as they are moving back to Jamieson over the Remembrance Day long weekend. Jamieson had a very similar seismic upgrade to what is being done here and it took 15 months.

We will be moving out in June, and expect to be back in the school between March and June of 2021. Bussing will be provided for students-more information on that will come in the Spring.

We had a very successful grade 6/7 camp at the end of September, and the weather was wonderful for us. This camp is a perfect fit for the needs of our school group, and we will happily return here. We appreciate the PAC support of this big event.

Later this month is the school board elections-I encourage you to become informed and vote, as the decisions these folk make have a direct impact on the way facilities and resources the students have to learn from and in.

We have had a fire drill, an earthquake is planned for Thursday drill and a lockdown drill all planned for later this month. If there is an emergency where we need to evacuate the school, we would assemble off site at General Brock School.

Teacher's report – Jill Beeman and Ashlie Arbor-Polley

- Thank you to the PAC for the performance Monday (How Raven Stole the Sun) and the upcoming Gymsense lessons during PE
- The district cross country meet is later this week -a big thank you to all the teacher coaches.
- As well we have been having a successful soccer season, with a senior boys' team headed to the city championships if they stay on their winning streak
- Volleyball season is just about to start and we are just organizing for teacher sponsors for teams-many thanks to the parents who have already volunteered.
- Pro-D this Friday is the Provincial Specialists Day, so teachers will be attending a variety of workshops across the lower mainland.
- We are continuing with our Communicating Student Learning pilot, and teachers should have communicated to you their reporting dates and plans for the year. If not, please contact them.

Chair Report and update – Michael Nedelec

- Seismic Meeting Oct. 29th – 6:30 to 7:30.

- Seismic Committee being formed – volunteers needed. Design, fundraising, etc.
- PAC Exec outreach to tour recently upgraded schools and to gather learnings, “do’s and don’t’s”
- PAC Exec will be contacting MLA Heyman to request “green dollars”
- Municipal Election this weekend – Rock the Vote!
- Survey forthcoming regarding seismic funding priorities, after 10/29 Seismic Meeting

2018/2019 Budget and Treasurer’s Report – Jamini Thakore

- \$103,000 in bank account
- \$9200 gaming grant received,
- Welcome Back made \$800

Vice-Chair Report – Hope Walker

- Follow up will commence soon with various committee leads
- Halloween Dance volunteers and Grade 6-7 volunteers needed. Contact Kate Saunders.
- Last call for Walkathon donations. \$16,500 received thus far.
- Casino Night – Kemp volunteered to lead committee.
- Still need a DPAC rep. Requires 2 hours per month.
- Upcoming Events & Fundraisers
 - October 26th - Halloween Dance
 - November 20th – Next PAC Meeting
 - Frozen Foods fundraiser – forms distributed mid-Nov, delivery Dec. 11
 - QSP – coming soon
 - Direct Drive – Jamini to create budget based on year end projections.